

# **Virginia Economic Development Seminar** **News, Networking and Knowledge for** **Business and Economic Development Communities**

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THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ASSISTANCE INVITES YOU TO:



**Wednesday, December 7th, 2005 | 8:45 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Richmond Sheraton West | Richmond, Virginia**

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**Virginia's existing business community continues to boost the state's economy  
and remains the largest contributor to job creation statewide.**

**Join fellow economic developers and business leaders along with our luncheon speaker**  
**The Honorable Michael J. Schewel, Secretary of Commerce & Trade**  
**Commonwealth of Virginia**

From challenges to best practices, join us for this timely discussion as we explore:

- Case studies and tools from local existing business programs for economic developers
- Workforce, healthcare and entrepreneurial issues facing businesses
- Forecasts and future initiatives for Virginia businesses
- A resource fair for Virginia businesses and economic developers will include the following exhibitors:  
Department of Taxation, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Minority Business Enterprise, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the State Corporate Commission, the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, the Virginia's Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Business Assistance, Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the Small Business Development Center Network ...more agencies/organizations to be added.

You may register for this seminar online at [www.dba.virginia.gov/form.asp](http://www.dba.virginia.gov/form.asp) or by filling out and returning the registration form along with a fee of \$60 payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia" by **Thursday, December 1st, 2005**.

The Richmond Sheraton West has offered to block rooms at the discounted rate of \$74 per night through **Friday, November 18th**. Should you require overnight accommodations, please contact the Richmond Sheraton West at (804) 285-2000 and identify yourself as part of the Virginia Economic Development Seminar group.

Visit for event invitation, [www.dba.virginia.gov/events/event.asp?EVENT\\_ID=2606](http://www.dba.virginia.gov/events/event.asp?EVENT_ID=2606) registration form and direction or by clicking the "Virginia Economic Development Seminar" link in the Upcoming Events section of the home page at [www.dba.virginia.gov](http://www.dba.virginia.gov).

**Don't miss the great opportunity for *networking and knowledge!***